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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is given on behalf of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs' Office of Coastal Zone Management is proposing to amend the following regulations and hold three public hearings in conformance with M.G.L. c.30A.;

- **301 CMR 28 – Ocean Management Plan** - The Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan was revised and an amended plan was released in January 2015. Implementing regulations are being revised to reflect the updated plan.
- **301 CMR 24 – Ocean Sanctuaries** – These regulations are being revised and moved to reflect statutory changes made by Chapter 114 of the Acts of 2008 which amended the Ocean Sanctuaries Act to give CZM the legal care, oversight, and control responsibilities, previously held by the former Department of Environmental Management, now the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Reflecting this move from DCR to CZM, as well as other proposed revisions, the Ocean Sanctuaries Act regulations will be promulgated at 301 CMR 24, and regulations at 302 CMR 5.00 will be rescinded.
- **301 CMR 26 – Coastal Pollution Remediation Program** - The regulation is being amended to incorporate administrative updates and eliminate duplication of efforts currently performed in the grant procurement process.
- **301 CMR 22 – Coastal Facilities Improvement Program** – These regulations are proposed for rescission as resources for municipal grants are being provided through other grant programs and authorizations (such as the Seaport Economic Council).

Public hearings will be conducted on the following dates at the following locations to receive comments on the proposed revisions. Testimony may be presented orally or in writing at the hearings.

Wednesday September 14, 2016, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Gloucester City Hall
9 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

Monday September 19, 2016, 2:30 to 4:30 PM

100 Cambridge Street, 2nd Floor Conference Room A
Boston, MA 02114

Thursday September 22, 2016, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

New Bedford Public Library
Third Floor Conference Room
613 Pleasant Street
New Bedford, MA 02740



Written comments on the proposed regulations will be accepted from the opening of the public comment period on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 until 5 P.M. Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Written comments should be submitted via email to Robert.Boeri@state.ma.us or mailed to: Robert Boeri, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02114. Copies of the proposed regulations are available on the CZM website at <http://www.mass.gov/czm/regs> or may be obtained by calling Patrice Bordonaro at 617-626-1211. For special accommodations for this event or to obtain this information in an alternative format, you may contact Evanice Torres, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Deputy HR Director, at 617-626-1161, 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114.

By the order of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Matthew A. Beaton, Secretary